

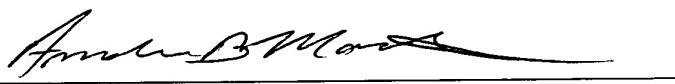
Application No.: 10/072, 695
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Reply to Office Action of September 5, 2003

REMARKS

Upon further consideration of the Final Office Action and the Interview conducted with Examiner Tamai in regard to the subject application, the Applicants respectfully request entry of a Preliminary Amendment to the Request for Continued Examination to set forth the limitations regarding the post having a deflectable head. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that the primary reference Viskochil only teaches a post that may or may not be deflectable. Regardless of whether this post is deflectable or not there is no teaching or suggestion that this post has a deflectable head as set forth in the application and defined in new claim 28. Therefore, since the Viskochil reference does not teach each and every element of this new claim it is respectfully submitted that it is allowable over the art of record along with all the other pending claims.

If the Examiner deems a telephone conversation to be beneficial in resolving any remaining matters or to place the claims in better form for Allowance, the same would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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